

City of Newport
Parks and Recreation Committee Meeting
October 24, 2012
MINUTES

1. Call to Order. The meeting was called to order by Ed Simon at 8:32 a.m.
2. Roll Call. Members present were Ed Simon, Nancy Steinberg, Sandra Surber, Karen Smith, Sandy Roumagoux, Fred Springsteen, Richard Balzer, Jennie Scarborough, Jimmy Rodriguez.

Staff Present: Parks and Recreation Director, Jim Protiva. Jim introduced Alisha Kern who is a committee applicant.
3. Approval of Minutes – September 19, 2012. Nancy made a motion to approve the September minutes. Seconded by Fred. There were no objections and the motion was approved.
4. Concerns or Comments from Citizens. None.
5. Committee Applicants. Jim noted there were 4 current applicants, although one of them had been withdrawn. Of the other 3, two were out of town and unable to attend the meeting, although they are still interested in being on the committee. The Committee interviewed the attending applicant, Alisha Kern, and informed her of the issues and plans of the committee. The Committee moved to recommend Alisha for appointment approval of the City Council.
6. Report of Director. Jim distributed the monthly report which is given to the City Council. Jim noted that the City had acquired 2.2 acres in the South Beach area, known as the Gwyn property. The land lies in line with a trail site that was slated for development several years ago but was not completed due to lack of accessibility. This land acquisition will enable completion of this phase of the trail. Jim reviewed the Artisans Gift Show which was held on October 20th & 21st. Jim updated the Committee on the gymnastics tournament that would be held at the Rec. Center on the first weekend of February.
7. New Business. Jim gave a report on his trip to the national NRPA conference. Some of the areas he focused on were finances, software, and wellness.
8. Old Business. Jim updated the Committee on the Forest Park development. Derek Tokos, from the City Planning Department, reviewed the process of defining the park. The Committee moved to support and recommends to the City Council the establishment of Forest Park. Nancy updated the Committee on the Tree City application and the issues on the ordinance passed by the City Council. Jim noted that he had met with a local attorney who would be assisting in the formation of the P&R foundation. The Committee reviewed the mission statement that Jim had developed. Jimmy shared that he had been researching the structure of the pool building and what he had learned. He had also been working on a survey of needs with current users. The Committee discussed the upgrade of the pool facility versus the building on a new one.
9. Other. None.
10. Adjournment. The meeting was adjourned at 10:00 a.m.

The next meeting will be on November 14th, one week earlier than usual.